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SAFETY FIRST — Noel Ripley, left, and Joseph Hamilton check how to keep town records safe in vault.

Town Records Get A New Home

Town records — largely the historic or "permanent" papers kept at the Town Hall — are about to inhabit a new home.

A vault for town papers was recently completed at CHS in a room beneath the cafeteria near the old Civil Defense headquarters.

Town Archivist and Historical Commissioner Joe Hamilton explained that the vaults at the Town Hall, located on each floor encased within the structure of the building's brick chimney, were inadequately safeguarding the town's oldest records. Furthermore, the vaults weren't in compliance with state requirements for the keeping of permanent records.

Hamilton started sorting through town records in 1977 and determined a new location for their safekeeping was needed. His discovery of the original 1770 Town Charter and a December 1776 copy of the Declaration of Independence italicized this need.

A vote by Town Meeting two years ago supplied the money to rehabilitate the 12-by 24-foot room in the CHS basement, found to be the best available space in town for conversion to a vault. A four-hour fireproof door was installed, shelves for materials were salvaged from Pratt Library's renovation, brick partitions were removed to enlarge space and the walls were painted to prepare the room to receive some of the town's finest literature.

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Golden, Laugelle Throw Hats In Ring Four In Selectman's Race

Doris Golden and Rocco Laugelle this week officially announced themselves candidates for the office of Selectman. That brought the total to four since Lester Hiltz and Glenn Pratt declared their candidacy last week.

Doris C. Golden, chairman of the School Committee for the past five years, has announced her candidacy for a three-year term as selectman.

She said, "I believe my public record speaks for itself in the areas of availability, leadership, fiscal accountability, knowledge of government, but perhaps most importantly, the ability to work with people both young and old and from all walks of life. Isn't that what government is really all about in the final analysis?"

"Having been responsible for the education of our youth was a very serious matter," she said. And my ongoing concerns for the taxpayers to fund the learning process have always been a grave concern to me. After all, we have a large number of semi-retired and retired persons living on fixed incomes residing in town."

Mrs. Golden said governmental decisions are numerous and often complex, and she said she would like to put her experience to work on behalf of the townspeople in budget planning and presentations, labor negotiations, personnel evaluations, state legislation, contract purchasing and warrant approval, employee grievances, administrative duties, state and federal grant procedures, parliamentary rules and a basic understanding of effective government.

In her attempt to control expendi-

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Rocco F. Laugelle of Norfolk Road has announced his candidacy for selectman.

One of 12 children, Laugelle was born, raised and educated in Cohasset. He is a Marine Corps veteran of the Second World War, and for the last 25 years has worked for the Brockton Edison Co. in the Cohasset office.

He is a member of the Water Commission, and has held that elective office 12 years. In addition, he is a member of the Government Island Study Committee.

Laugelle has also been long active in civic affairs. He is a two-term past commander of the George H. Mealy Post 118, American Legion, and is a member of the post executive committee. In addition, he is a member of the boards of directors of the Cohasset Community Center and the Cohasset Sailing Club.

In announcing his candidacy, Laugelle stated he is seeking the office of selectman because he feels qualified for the position based upon his life long involvement with the town, its government and most importantly, the people of Cohasset. He stressed the fact that his employment keeps him in and around the community on a daily basis. Additionally, he said he demonstrated a desire and an ability to lead and serve the town, and the office of selectmen affords him the opportunity to expand and continue this leadership and service.



Doris Golden



Rocco Laugelle

18 Year Olds Retain Many Rights

Eighteen-year-olds may have lost the right to drink in this state, but they do have just about all the other rights of an adult — those were highlighted at the senior class assembly at CHS last Wednesday.

The town was also 33 voters richer after those seniors who were 18 registered to vote.

Assistant Town Counsel Richard Henderson defined what being 18 in this state means. At 18 and over a person is no longer a minor, he is of full age, an adult, and at the age of majority. In other words, at 18, one is entitled to a lot of rights and the responsibilities they bring.

Those rights were also enumerated

by Henderson. Probably the most well-known and waited-for right (aside from the use and purchase of alcoholic beverages) is the right to vote.

An 18-year-old can run for municipal offices and certain state offices. The Congress, Senate and Presidency are offices still bound by age: 25, 30, 35, respectively.

As of Jan. 1, 1974, Henderson said, an 18-year-old's rights include:

Property rights — to buy and sell property without the benefit of a guardian; professional rights — to become a medical doctor, lawyer, certified public accountant, dentist, veterinarian, physical therapist, optometrist, and embalmer if the licens-

ing and educational standards are met; business rights — to be an incorporator in a Massachusetts corporation, a stockholder and a partner in a business.

(Henderson advised the 18-year-old businessmen to refrain from ordering martinis during board luncheons.)

Eighteen-year-olds may also become school bus drivers, projectionists, real estate brokers, jurors, executors of trusts or wills and a slew of other posts. One must be 19, however, to become a state policeman.

Town Clerk Charles Marks was also on hand to register seniors who were

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Cohasset's Second Town Hall

By Judith Epstein

A peal of laughter erupts from a corner of the Log and Line.

Rocco Laugelle and the guys from the Edison crew stride in and pour themselves cups of coffee.

Doris Golden appears after tennis for her bran muffin.

The door from the kitchen swings open and the cook, Carmine, lumbers out to wisecrack with a customer.

Roger Pompeo reads the results of a

lab test to a person who didn't have the time for an office visit.

Mary Jeanette Murray gives advice on how to insert an article in the Town Meeting warrant.

Ed Tower gives advice to everyone in the shop, whether they want it or not.

Such are the sounds that fill the air of the local shop, the Log and Line on Ripley Road. The shop has opened at 6 a.m., townspeople waft in and out, along with the delicious smell of fresh

coffee. Some stop to have breakfast or lunch or to drink of that dark liquid kept ever-warm in two pots by the cash register.

Although the Log and Line offers a variety of breakfast and luncheon specials, conversational rapport is their best seller. But more than that, beyond the atmosphere conducive to good talk, is the feeling of spontaneity and candor.

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